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The Autobiography of Lew Wallace

by Messrs. Harper & Bros. is the "Autobiography of Gen. Lew Wallace." It was the last important work of a long life crowded full of stirring interest and keen adventure. Much of health. Thousands it was written at intervals during the protracted illness which terminated in his death in February, 1905, at his home in Cawfordsville, Indiana. It has been called "the frankest of blographies," and it deserves this title. The author wrote in detail of his childhood, the death of his mother, the beautiful Esther Test, daughter of one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Indiana, from whom he inherited much of his genius; of the unsuccessful attempts to send him to school and college; of his first ambition to become nen and women toward literature, the calling destined, will try it at once. "finally, to bring him fame and fortune. In the latter connection he relates an interesting anecdote, which proves that, no matter how high the authority, no man can determine the fitness of another for his chosen work. The young, would-be author took the introductory chapters of the "Fair God" to Dr. Charles White, then President of Wabash College, and asked permission to read them to him. The old presidenta lineal descendent of Peregrine White of the Mayflower-a man of pre-eminent intellect and scholarship, heard him patiently. When he had finished he removed his spectacles and gravely advised Mr. Wallace to abandon the field of authorship. As is stated in the autobiography, he had been long in his grave when the "Fair God" appeared -it having occupied the writer, at irregular intervals, for a period of twenty years. Although never so successful as 'Ben Hur," from the date of its publication in 1873 to April, 1905, the sales reached the total of 145,750 copies-a success that, un mportant compared to the phenomenal record made by his later books-would have satisfied most

HIS MILITARY RECORD.

record is of special importance, for he said he would live it over again willingwas, by taste and preference, a sol- ly, just as it was. On the death of an dier born, enlisting when a lad in his old comrade, he sent this message: 'He teens for service in the Mexican war; riding on horseback to Indianapolis to will overtake him soon.' * * * offer his services to Governor Morton at the breaking out of the rebellion; and begging to be accepted as "a man in the ranks' in the Spanish war, if universal religion, the one God." no command could be assigned him.

It seen ed to be his peculiar destiny to act as a stop gap; hold the hostile forces in check with few numbers, giving the Union authorities a chance to make good what might, otherwise, have been the total consequences of inadvertent neglect, or sheer stupidity. He did this signally when Cincinnati, practically without defenses, was threatened by Kirby Smith in the autumn of 1862. For his services there he received the thanks of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Legislature. In the same way he saved the National Capital, which was also left undefended, while the Federal troops were being concentrated at City Point on the James River, preparatory to the advance upon Richmond. With no possible chance of victory he engaged Breckinridge marching against Washington in force, with a few thousand men, until reinforcements could be dispatched by General Grant to Washington. He was attacked by Early If it needs repairing, remember with 18,000 men, while his own comwe do first-class work at a very mand was scarcely three thousand strong. Of this gallant exploit General Grant said in his Memoirs (Vol. II, pp. 304-306):

> "If Early had been one day earlier he might have entered the Capital before the arrival of the reinforcements I had sent. Whether the delay caused by the battle amounted to a day or not, General Wallace contributed on this occasion by the defeat of the troops under him, a greater benefit to the cause than often falls to the lot of a commander of an equal force to render by means of a victory."

> The third service of this nature which he rendered was that in connection with the raids of John Morgan in Southern Indiana, stopping him in his intended march toward Indianapolis for the liberation of thousands of rebel prisoners there-a part of the projected movement planned by the Confederates to transfer the seat of war to the

SHILOH.

to Shiloh, after which, for alleged disobedience of orders, General Wallace As a well-known resident of Honolulu (Draiba), the Rev. W. Floyd of the HONOLULU PAINTING CO. remarked some time ago: "No one grave. Mr. Patterson arrived here in and was a deeply wronged man."

dramatic account of the battle will ex- mained in Levuka ever since. Deonerate him forever from all the ceased leaves a wife and three sons, also a brother and sister, to mourn charges that were brought against him, their loss.

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> The book alse gives an account of the secret mission on which he was sent to Texas by President Lincolnalways his firm and faithful friend: the important commissions assigned him at the end of the war; the writing of "Ben Hur" and the "Prince of India," and his diplomatic career-one of the most remarkable in all the history of American diplomacy, when he so brilliantly represented his country as Minister Plenipotentiary in Turkey.

The book closes with this touching tribute from his wife, to whose companionship and unfailing sympathy he owed much:

"The closing years of the life recorded in these pages were serene and cloudless. The play, 'Ben Hur,' sucan artist, and his subsequent leaning ceeded beyond the author's utmost hope. Two seasons he lectured to large audiences and tasted the sweetness of unstinted praise. The management of his son released him from the vexations of business; the study was built, 'a pleasure house for my soul,' as he ealled it; the little rose-garden bloomed; the grandsons were a delight; the old wound at Shiloh ceased from troubling. Two silver loving cups came to him, one from the Grand Army, the other from Hoosier friends to

> "The knightliest of the knightly race That since the days of old, Have kept the lamps of chivalry Alight in hearts of gold.'

"He had in mind the outline of a new novel in which the 'Prince of India' should go from Constantinople to the Court of Spain and sail with Columbus in search of a new world, there to find the end of controversy, to try the universal brotherhood of man, and found the religion of the one God. The jewels of Queen Isabella, pledged to fit out the vessels for the venture, were to be from the tomb of Hiram, King of Tyre. * * * *

"He loved life well, but not so well as to be unprepared to lay it down at To many of his friends his military the call of the Great Commander. He is but a day's march ahead of us; w

"February 15, 1905, he bade this world good night-his dreaming ended. "He has found the New World, the

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EDITORIAL FORECAST OF THE PRESIDENCY

CLEVELAND, O., August 2.-Herewith is presented the result of a postal card vote among 400 editors of daily newspapers throughout America. Every State in the Union is represented. In preparing the list of 400 editors those of politically independent newspapers were chosen wherever possible. In every case they were asked to be nonpartisan. The questions asked and the answers are as follows:

Is it the sentiment of your Congressional district that President Roosevelt should accept the nomination for a

Yes 148, no 115, blanks 20. If Roosevelt accepts the nomination for a third term, do you believe he will carry your Congressional dis-

Yes 208, no 69, blanks 8. If Roosevelt is eliminated, whom in your Congressional district do you favor as the Republican candidate? Taft 136, Fairbanks 18, Hughes 15 Cannon 8, Knox 22, La Follette

Who is the Democratic candidate for President favored in your district? Bryan 199, Folk 4, Johnson 4, Culberson 4, Gray 3, Daniel 2, Hearst 2, Harmon 1, Watterson 1, Wilson 1. Who do you believe will be the next

President of the United States? Taft 69, Roosevelt 64, Bryan 37, Hughes 10, Knox 4, Fairbanks 2, Folk 2. Cannon 1, Culberson 1, Cortelyou 1.

A FORMER RESIDENT DEAD.

The following is from the Fiji Times of a late date, concerning the death in July 25, 1907, in Levuka, Fiji, of Thomas Patterson who resided in Honolulu a year or so prior to 1884, and whom doubtless many of the kamaainas will remember:

We (Polynesian Gazette of July 27) regret to record the death of one of our oldest and esteemed residents in the person of Mr. Thomas Patterson. blacksmith, which took place at his Probably the most interesting chap- residence on Thursday morning after ters in the book are those which relate a short illness. The flags of the business houses and shipping were in consequence lowered to half-mast. Interment took place on Friday morning, was severely disciplined, and tem- and many joined in the funeral train porarily relieved from active service. as it wended its way to the cemetery who reads what General Wallace has the year 1878, leaving two years later written can doubt for a moment but for a trip to the old country. On his year 1884. He soon after started busi-His clear, intensely interesting and ness on his own account and has reOur New Number is

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